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1. [redacted] military transport train consisting of 37 boxcars. The train was on its way from Kazan (N 55-45, E 49-08) to Nikolayev (N 46-58, E 32-00). There were two types of boxcars in the transport: two-axle boxcars, 24 to 28 feet long, and four-axle boxcars 46 to 52 feet long.¹ There were 35 soldiers in the two-axle boxcars and 70 soldiers in the four-axle boxcars. At the last station before the bridge, all doors were closed by officers and the soldiers were ordered not to open the doors. During his previous crossings of the bridge on a passenger train, all doors and windows were closed by the conductors before entering the bridge. The bridge was guarded by two infantry guards, one at each end.
2. The bridge was constructed before World War I. It was a simple, supported-arch, through-truss construction. It was approximately 700 meters long, nine meters wide, and 14 meters above the water level. It was supported by five concrete pillars, approximately three meters thick and 10 meters wide. The concrete pillars extended approximately 50 centimeters on each side of the bridge. The truss consisted of six eight-meter-high steel arches. [redacted] the bridge carried a single-track rail line which ran through the center of the bridge.² A sidewalk was located on each side of the rails [redacted]
[redacted] No construction activity on the bridge or rail line was observed
3. The Volga River bridge is pinpointed on an overlay on page 2 [redacted]
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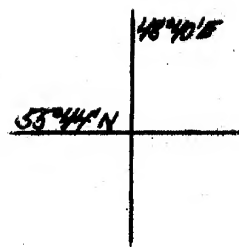
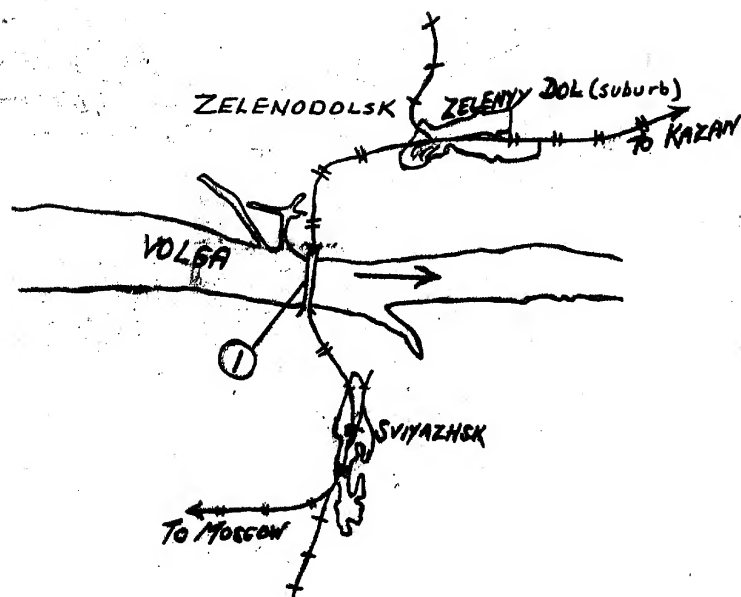
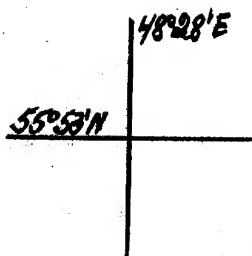
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